



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/771,453 Confirmation No. 2950
Applicant : WATANABE, Y. et al.
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Title : STORAGE SYSTEM, AND CONTROL METHOD, JOB
SCHEDULING PROCESSING METHOD, AND FAILURE
HANDLING METHOD THEREFOR, AND PROGRAM FOR
EACH METHOD
TC/AU : 2186
Examiner : TBD
Docket No. : NIT-409
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application prior to examination, as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.